

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as shown below.

On page 2, Paragraph 1:

For example, a space, referred to as a "bay", for housing built-in peripheral apparatus, is prepared at a body of a personal computer, with it then being possible to install a desired peripheral apparatus at a desired bay. The fronts of the bays that are to house removable recording media drive apparatuses are provided with openings to enable access from outside of the body and the openings are covered over by covers. When a new removable recording media drive apparatus is mounted, the cover is removed and the front of the recording media drive apparatus installed in the bay is made to face to outside of the body so that it is possible to insert/remove the recording media.

On page 3, Paragraph 1:

It has therefore been considered to make the front panel freely detachable from the body (refer to patent document 1), and to prepare several front panels of different designs and colors to make it possible to select a front panel corresponding to a body of an information processing apparatus which is to be installed to ~~and to an~~ existing peripheral apparatus.

On page 4, Paragraph 3:

Accordingly, in the recording media drive apparatus according to the first aspect of the present invention, the engagement of the front panel and the body may be achieved by simply moving the front panel ~~toward~~ towards the body, and the engagement of the front panel and the body may be released by moving the front panel away from the body. It is therefore possible to attach and detach the front panel to and from the body in a straightforward manner without using

tools and without using parts other than the front panel and the body and the front panel can therefore be changed as desired.

On page 7, Paragraph 8:

Fig. 8, consisting of Figs. 8A, 8B, 8C, and 8D, ~~and 8E~~, is a plan view of essential parts showing a situation of attaching and detaching an eject button to and from a slider;

On page 10, Paragraph 2:

As can be understood from FIG. 2 and FIG. 3, two pairs of left and right engaging pieces 11, 11, . . . are provided to ~~as to face to the rear~~ from positions to upper and lower ends of both left and right side edges of the front panel 3, with engaging projections 12, 12, . . . being provided at outer surfaces of ends of the engaging pieces 11, 11, As is understood from FIG. 5, the engaging projections 12 are triangular in shape when viewed from above and have inclined surfaces 12a and 12b to the front and rear, respectively. Namely, the top-side inclined surface 12a is formed so as to become closer to the engaging piece 11 when going towards the end side at the end side of the engaging piece 11 and a base-side inclined surface 12b is formed on a base side, i.e. on the side near to the front panel 3, so as to become closer to the engaging piece 11 as the base is approached.

On page 11, Paragraph 2:

When the front panel 3 moves to the side of the body 2, i.e. in the direction of an arrow R in FIG. 5(c) from the state shown in FIG. 5(b), the top-side inclined surface 12a at the end side slides smoothly along the front end of the side wall 2a. The end of the engaging piece 11 is therefore subjected to force in a direction shown by an arrow CCW in FIG. 5(c), causing the

engaging piece 11 to flex (refer to FIG. 5(c)). As a result of the flexing of the engaging piece 11 in the direction CCW of the arrow in FIG. 5(c), the engaging projection 12 slides smoothly along the inner surface of the side wall 2a of the body 2 so that the front panel 3 moves in the direction of the arrow R in FIG. 5(c).

On page 20, Paragraph 5:

As shown in FIG. 1, when the cartridge 14 is lined up with the insertion/removal opening 4 of the flexible disc drive apparatus 1 and is inserted into the insertion/removal opening 4, the cover 5 covering the insertion/removal opening 4 is pushed to the rear by the end of the cartridge 14. This causes the cover 5 to move to the rear against the resistance of urging force of the torsion coil spring 9, i.e. the cover 5 turns in the direction of arrow A in FIG. 9, and the insertion/removal opening 4 is opened. The cartridge 14 is then inserted ~~to within~~into the cartridge holder 28, i.e. into a space surrounded by the top plate 29, side plates 30, 30, and buttresses 31, 31 (refer to FIG. 9). When the cartridge 14 is not installed, the slider 16 is positioned at the rear end of its range of movement, and the guide pins 30b, 30b, . . . of the cartridge holder 28 are positioned at the horizontal parts 19a, 19a, . . . of the slits 19, 19, . . . of the slider 16. The cartridge holder 28 is therefore positioned at the upper end of its range of movement and is positioned at the same height as the insertion/removal opening 4. The slider 16 is locked by lock means (not shown) at the rear end of the range of movement of the slider 16.

On page 21, Paragraph 2:

When the cartridge 14 is then inserted as far as the back of the cartridge holder 28 (refer to FIG. 10), the lock at the rear end of the range of movement of the slider 16 is released. The slider 16 then immediately moves in the direction of arrow F in FIG. 10 to the front end of the

range of movement due to the urging force of the tensioning coil spring 27 (refer to FIG. 11).

While the slider 16 is moving from the rear end of the range of movement to the front end, the guide pins 30b, 30b . . . of the cartridge holder 28 move from the upper ends of the inclined parts 19b, 19b, . . . of the slits 19, 19, . . . of the slider 16 to the lower ends. The cartridge holder 28 therefore moves to the lower end of its range of movement and the flexible disc 14a within the cartridge 14 supported at the cartridge holder 28 is installed in a disc rotating mechanism (not shown) and rotated by the disc rotating mechanism. As a result of movement of the slider 16 to the front end of the range of movement, the extent to which the eject button 15 fitted to the slider 16 projects outwards from the front panel 3 becomes large (compare the situations in FIG. 9 and FIG. 11). When the cartridge 14 is inserted to as far as the back of the cartridge holder 28, ejection force at an eject mechanism (not shown) for ejecting the cartridge 14 to the front from the cartridge holder 28 is stored up. At this time, the lower end of the cover 5 forcibly makes contact with the upper surface of the cartridge 14.

On page 24, Paragraph 1:

With the above flexible disc drive apparatus 1, engaging projections 12, 12, . . . are provided at the front panel 3 in order to fit the front panel 3 to the body 2. The ~~front~~ front panel 3 is then fitted to the body 2 as a result of the engaging projections 12, 12, . . . engaging with engaging holes 13, 13, . . . provided at the body 2. However, the same results can also be demonstrated if engaging holes are formed in the front panel 3 and engaging projections are formed at the body 2. In the modified example shown in FIG. 12, engaging projections 36, 36, . . . are formed at side walls 2a of the body 2 and engaging holes 37, 37, . . . are formed at engaging pieces 11, 11, . . . of the front panel 3.

On page 24, Paragraph 2:

In this modified example, when the front panel 3 moves in the direction of the arrow R, the engaging piece 11 slides smoothly over the inner surface of the side wall 2a of the body 2. The end of the engaging piece 11 then comes into contact with a front end-side inclined surface 36a of engaging projection 36 and slides smoothly ~~over~~thereover. The engaging piece 11 then flexes in the direction of arrow CCW (refer to the single-dotted-and-dashed line of FIG. 12) and engaging hole 37 soon engages with engaging projection 36.

Please change the title to:

RECORDING MEDIA DRIVE DEVICE WITH A
FREELY-DETACHABLE FRONT PANEL